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<u>Health</u>

AB 1 California Care Coverage Assembly Desk

(Dymally) Expands eligibility for Medi-Cal Program and the Healthy Families Program.

AB 2 Health care coverage Senate Inactive File

(Dymally) Reorganizes MRMIP and phases out the guaranteed issue program by

requiring health plans and insurers to pay or play in a new high risk pool.

Modifies the coverage currently provided under MRMIP.

AB 8 Health care coverage To Governor

(Nunez) Declares legislative intent to solve the health care crisis.

AB 10 Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2008. 2-yr. bill

(DeLaTorre) Declares legislative intent to solve the health care crisis.

AB 12 The Adult Health Coverage Expansion Program – To Governor

(Beall) Allows a county or local initiative to provide health coverage to small businesses employees under a new program financed by employers,

employee premiums, and any state, local, or federal funding.

AB 13 Hospitals: Staffing Senate Inactive File

(Laird) Makes legislative findings and declarations supporting health care coverage

for all children in California.

AB 16 Pupil immunizations: human papillomavirus vaccine - Senate Floor

(Lieber) Prohibits the unconditional admission of a female pupil to the 6th grade of

school or other institution unless she has received the HPV vaccine, and requires providers administering the vaccine to disclose information to parents or quardians about HPV, its relation to cervical cancer, and the

effects of the vaccine.

AB 30 Health care coverage 2 yr. bill

(Evans) Declares legislative intent to decrease health care costs and improve quality.

AB 51 Gallegos-Rosenthal Patient Advocate Program - 2 yr. bill

(Dymally) Requires health plans pay for the Office of Patient Advocate health care

report card to include data regarding Medicare Part D coverage even though

many of these plans are not Knox-Keene licensed.

AB 52 Health facilities: Office of Patient Advocate 2 yr. bill

(Dymally) Creates the Office of Patient Advocate in the Public Health Department to

monitor health facilities.

AB 54 Health Care Coverage 2 yr. bill

(Dymally) Requires health care service plans and health insurers to provide, rather than

over, coverage for acupuncture under a group plan or policy, and would

delete the exceptions from that requirement.

AB 55 Medi-Cal: aged and disabled individuals **Senate Health** Allows more aged and disabled individuals to qualify for Medi-Cal by (Dymally) increasing the income standard to 133% of FPL. **AB 74** University of California: obesity, diabetes and 2 yr. bill related illness center (Dymally) Requests the UC system to create an institute to study ways of reducing obesity through our health care system. **AB 75 Healthy Choices Plan** 2 yr. bill States legislative intent to create the Healthy Choices Plan to provide health (Blakeslee) care coverage for those Californians without coverage. **AB 84** 2 yr. bill Income tax: health savings accounts (Nakanishi) Conforms California tax law to federal law regarding Health Savings Accounts. **AB 85** Income and corporation taxes: credit: health savings account 2 yr. bill Creates a 15% tax credit for employers who purchase health insurance. (Nakanishi) AB 142 Income tax: health savings account 2 vr. bill Conforms California tax law to federal law regarding Health Savings (Plescia) Accounts. **AB 166** Public safety personnel: presumption: MRSA skin infections - 2 yr. bill. (Bass) This bill would expand the scope of this provision to include any methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MSRA) or Staph/MSRA skin infection. **AB 245** Income Tax: Health Savings Account 2 vr. bill Allows a deduction under the Personal Income Tax Law in connection with (DeVore) health savings accounts in conformity with federal law. **AB 326 State Compensation Insurance Fund** Senate BF&I States finding and declarations regarding the governance of the State (Benoit) Compensation Insurance Fund. **AB 328 Health Care Service Plans: Disease Reports** To Governor Amends the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan of 1975. (Salas) **AB 330** Medi-Cal: Health Disparity Report 2 yr. bill Requires the OSHPD to develop a health disparity report. (Hayashi) **AB 343** Health Care: Employer Coverage: Disclosure To Governor (Solorio) Requires the State Cept. Of Health Care Services and the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to collaborate to transmit to the Legislature a report identifying all employers who employ 25 or more persons who are, or support, beneficiaries of Medi-Cal, Healthy Families or Access for Infants and

Mothers programs.

AB 363 Medi-Cal

To Senate Appropriations

Specifies the circumstances under which a federally qualified health center (Berg)

(FQHC) may receive reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program for services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are existing patients of the FQHC,

when delivered at locations other than the FQHC's site or sites.

AB 368 Hearing Aids

2 yr. bill

Chapter 255

(Carter)

Requires health care service plans and health insurers to offer, at minimal cost, coverage up to \$1,000 for hearing aids to all enrollees, subscribers, and insureds under 18 years of age. Provides that the requirement to provide this

coverage would not apply to certain types of insurance.

AB 381 Medi-Cal: provider reimbursement To Governor

Relates to Medi-Cal provider reimbursement. Relates to a request that (Galgiani)

contains a beneficiary's social security number. Applies this provision to the submission of a request by a provider for beneficiary eligibility.

AB 384 Firefighters

(Portantino) Enacts the California Fallen Federal Firefighter Survivor Assistance Act of

2007, which would excuse the mandatory system-wide tuition and fees of any surviving spouse or surviving child or stepchild of a deceased permanent career civilian federal firefighter who was performing services in the state. Extends the health benefit coverage to the surviving spouse or eligible family

member of a permanent career civilian federal firefighter.

AB 423 Health Care Coverage: Mental Health Services – To Governor

(Beall) Amends the Knox-Keene Health Care Services Plan Act under which a health care service plan contract and a health insurance policy are required to

provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of severe mental illnesses of a person of any age. Expands this coverage requirement to include the diagnosis and treatment of a mental illness of a person of any age and defines mental illness for this purpose as a mental disorder defined in the

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV.

AB 436 Medical Records 2 yr. bill

(Salas) This bill would eliminate the repeal date of the described provisions thereby

extending their duration indefinitely.

AB 516 2 yr. bill **Health Care Coverage**

Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation implementing certain (Swanson)

health care access and delivery recommendations published in a specific

report.

AB 550 State Compensation Insurance Fund: Health - Senate Rules

Authorizes the State Compensation Insurance Fund to transact group health (Ma)

insurance to the same extent as any other insurer, and subject to the powers

and authority of the Insurance Commissioner.

AB 554 Public Employees: Benefits: Health

(Hernandez) Permits the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to authorize an employer to participate in the prefunding of health care coverage and other postemployment benefit annuitants. Requires a participating employer to contract with the board of administration regarding terms and conditions of the prefunding of health care coverage and other

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postemployment benefits.

AB 555 Healing Arts: Medical Records 2 yr. bill

(Nakanishi) Expresses the Legislatures intent to require the Medical Board of California to work with interested parties to develop an electronic system that would allow any physician and surgeon in this state to access the medical records of the

patient he or she requires in order to treat the patient.

AB 562 Health Care Coverage: Catastrophic Loss 2 yr. bill

(Walters) Amends the Knox-Knee Health Care Service Plan Act. Authorizes a health care service plan and a health insurer to offer and issue a group or individual plan contract or policy for catastrophic losses that contains a high deductible.

AB 636 Acupuncture: scope of practice 2 yr. bill

(Levine) Expands the list of techniques and modalities that a licensed acupuncturist may use on patients to promote, maintain and restore health.

AB 707 Health Insurance: Small Employer Groups 2 yr. bill

(Nakanishi) Relates to existing law which provides for the regulation of insurers by the Department of Insurance. Establishes a comprehensive scheme for providing health insurance coverage of employees to small employer groups.

AB 720 Insurance: life agents To Governor

(De Leon) Provides for 3 different types of life agents licensees, the first type of licensee would be authorized to transact life, disability, or life and disability as well as 24-hour care coverage, the 2nd type would be authorized to transact life insurance, the 3rd type would be authorized to transact disability insurance. Requires that life-only or disability-only agents complete prelicensing

education and study in ethics and insurance law.

AB 731 Health Care Coverage: Public Agencies 2 yr. bill

(Solorio) Declares the intent of the Legislature to require health care coverage providers to disclose to public agency governing boards that they contract with all fees and commissions paid to the agency's insurance broker.

AB 770 Health Care Coverage: Agricultural Employees 2 yr. bill

(Hernandez) Declares the intent of the Legislature that agricultural employees be provided health care coverage and that agricultural employers offering that coverage be allowed to lower their total health care costs.

AB 799 Health Care Coverage 2 yr. bill

(Smyth) States the intent of the Legislature to provide incentives to improve health and wellness, and to authorize additional affordable health care coverage options, by allowing health care service plans and health insurers greater rate flexibility in the small group market.

AB 861 Dissolution of Marriage: Estates and Trusts Chapter 141 (Tran) Defines health and medical insurance coverage related to requiring a

Defines health and medical insurance coverage related to requiring a party to maintain coverage for the other party and any minor children. Authorizes the court to make an order if requiring that a party maintain a beneficiary designation for a nonprobate transfer asset until judgement has been entered with respect to the community ownership of that asset. Authorizes the court to require that the community interest is an Individual Retirement Account(IRA).

AB 895 Health Care Coverage: Dental Care Chapter 164

(Aghazarian) Requires a specialized health care service plan covering dental services or a dental insurer to declare its coordination of benefits policy, as defined, prominently, in its evidence of coverage documents or in its contracts or policies. Requires a specialized dental plan or dental insurer that is an enrollee's or insured's primary dental coverage provider and that is coordinating dental benefits with one or more other health care service plans to pay the maximum amount required.

AB 910 Disabled Persons: Support and Health Care Coverage - To Governor (Karnette) Requires a health care service plan and a health insurer to provide that

Requires a health care service plan and a health insurer to provide that coverage of a dependent child shall not terminate upon attaining the limiting age if the child is and continues to be incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental disability, including, but not limited to, mental illness or a physical disability.

AB 1040 Income Taxes: Deduction: Medical Care 2 yr. bill (Duvall) Allows a deduction in computing adjusted gross income for the costs of

health insurance.

AB 1072 Health Care Coverage: Health Insurance Exchange 2 yr. bill (Gaines) Relates to the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. Establishes the

California Health Insurance Exchange that would facilitate the purchase of health insurance products. Authorizes employers to purchase health insurance products through the exchange. Creates the Health Insurance Exchange Fund.

AB 1214 Waiver of Benefits 2 yr. bill

(Emmerson) Allows a health care service plan contract and a health insurance policy to be issued, renewed, or amended without certain of those specified benefits that an applicant, contractholder, or policyholder has waived. Requires the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care and the Insurance Commissioner to prepare a disclosure form summarizing the benefits a plan and an insurer are required to include.

AB 1302 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability To Governor (Horton, S.) Extends the act's duration to July 1, 2010, when it would become inoperative, and all funds under the act that are unexpended or unencumbered as of that date would revert to the General Fund.

AB 1324 Health Care Coverage: Rescinded coverage To Governor

(**DeLaTorre**) States that a provider has rendered health care services in good faith under specified circumstances, and that a plan or insurer does not avoid its obligations under these provisions by rescinding or modifying a health care

service plan contract or a policyholder's policy or certificate.

AB 1328 Medi-Cal: Eligibility for Benefits To Governor

(Hayashi) Requires the Department of Health Care Services, as part of ongoing training, to include information regarding the treatment of separate and community income and resources in determining eligibility under the Medi-Cal Program.

AB 1377 (Nakanishi) Employee Health Benefits: Health Savings Accounts 2 yr. bill Requires the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to offer a high deductible health plan and a health savings account option to public employees and annuitants.

AB 1378 Health Care Coverage: Major Risk Medical Insurance 2 yr. bill (Nakanishi) Relates to the Department of Managed Health Care and the Major Risk Medical Insurance Fund. Extends the duration of this pilot program.

AB 1390 (Huffman) Health Care Service Plans: Unfair Payment Patterns Amends the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act. Requires the Department of Managed Health Care web site information to include the number and disposition of complaints received through the department's online provider complaint system, and would require this information to be updated at least quarterly.

AB 1429 Human Papillomavirus Vaccination To Governor (Evans) Amends existing law under which a plan and a health insurer that included coverage for the treatment or surgery of cervical cancer are deemed to provide for coverage for an annual cervical cancer screening test. Expands the coverage to include a cancer vaccination.

AB 1444 Physical therapists: scope of practice 2 yr. bill (Emmerson) Relates to the Physical Therapy Practice Act provisions that define physical therapy and revises the definition of "physical therapy".

AB 1467 Worker safety To Governor (DeSauInier) Removes the exemptions that permit smoking in specified bars, warehouses, hotel lobbies, employee breakrooms, and meeting and banquet rooms, while retaining exemptions for other types of businesses. Prohibits smoking in specified owner-operated businesses regardless of whether or not they have employees.

AB 1554 (Jones) Health Care Coverage: Rate Approval Senate Health Requires approval by the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance of an increase in the amount of the premium, copayment, coinsurance obligation, deductible, and other changes under a health care service plan or health insurance policy.

AB 1619 **Insurer Licensing**

2 yr. bill

(Benoit)

Allows any insurer admitted to transact health insurance or workers compensation insurance, or a health care service plan licensed pursuant to the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act to make written application to the commissioner for a license to offer a single policy that provides health care services and workers compensation benefits.

AB 1644 **Out-of-State Carriers**

2 yr. bill

(Niello)

Allows a carrier domiciled in another state to offer, sell, or renew in this state an essential health benefit plan meeting unspecified requirements, without holding a license issued by the Department of Managed Health or a certificate of authority issued by the Insurance Commissioner. Exempts the essential health benefit plan from requirements otherwise applicable to plans and insurance policies providing health care coverage in this state.

AB 1680 **Health Insurance: Postclaims Underwriting**

2 yr. bill

(Duvall) Modifies the definition of postclaims underwriting.

AB 1692 **Healthy Families Advisory Panels**

2 yr. bill

(Villines)

Amends existing law which establishes the Healthy Families Program and requires the membership of the advisory panel to include one physician and surgeon who is board certified in pediatrics. Requires that member to be a practicing physician surgeon who is board certified in pediatrics.

SB 24 Taxes: Cigarette and Tobacco Products

2 yr. bill

(Torlakson)

Imposes an Imposes an additional tax on the distribution of cigarettes at a specified rate for each cigarette distributed. Requires such revenues collected from additional taxes to be deposited in the General Fund which shall be used for children's health related purposes and smoking cessation programs, as determined by the Legislature.

SB 25 Income tax: health savings account

2 yr. bill

(Maldonado) Conforms California tax law to federal law regarding Health Savings Accounts.

SB 32 Health care coverage: children

Assembly Inactive File

(Steinberg)

Declares the Legislature's intent to allow all children living in California with family incomes under 300% of FPL access to affordable, comprehensive health coverage and to improve and modernize the process of enrolling and maintaining children in coverage.

SB 48 (Perata)

Health care coverage: employers and employees – Asm. Approp. Suspense Seeks to provide 4.2 million uninsured working Californians and their dependents with health coverage through a mandate on employers and employees. Establishes a "connector" or purchasing pool for employers to select coverage products on a guaranteed issue basis with a cap on plan administrative cost and profits.

SB 51 San Diego Health Care Connection Demonstration Project - 2 yr. bill (Ducheny) Requires MRMIB to contract with a specified nonprofit to help San Diego

Requires MRMIB to contract with a specified nonprofit to help San Diego County employers provide health benefits to full time employees. Program components include a premium assistance program and an essential benefits

package.

SB 93 Medi-Cal: Third Party Liability To Governor

(Corbett) Prohibits the amount paid by Medi-Cal from being considered as evidence of past medical damages or for the purpose of reducing the 3rd party's liability to the

beneficiary in any 3rd party action.

SB 119 Medi-Cal: minors: drug and alcohol treatment Asm. Approp. Suspense

(Cedillo) Requires that residential drug and alcohol treatment services issued by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Program's be a covered benefit under the

Medi-Cal Drug Treatment Program if federal financial participation is

available.

SB 137 Children's health: medical treatment To Governor

(Torlakson) Changes the eligibility limitation to persons in a family with an annual or monthly income equal to or less than 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

SB 171 Hospitals: Lift Teams To Governor

(Perata) Requires each general acute care hospital to establish a patient protection and health care worker back injury prevention plan. Requires each hospital to conduct a needs assessment to identify patients needing lift teams. Requires

these hospitals to use lift teams, and to train health care workers on the appropriate use of lift devices. Provides that a health care worker who refuses to lift a patient could be disciplined only under certain circumstances.

SB 199 Income and Corporation Taxes: Credit: Health 2 yr. bill.

(Harman) Authorizes a credit against The Personal Income Tax Law and the

Corporation Tax Law in an amount equal to 15% of the amount paid or incurred by a qualified taxpayer during the taxable year for qualified health

insurance for employees of the taxpayer.

SB 235 Vision Care: Annuitants: California State University - Asm. Appropriations

(Negrete-McLeod) - Allows annuitants of the California State University system to participate in the Vision Care Program for State Annuitants.

SB 236 Health Care 2 yr. bill

(Runner, G) Expresses the Legislature's intent to enact the Cal CARE program to improve

access to health care services for the residents of the state.

SB 238 Medi-Cal To Governor

(Aanestad) Amends existing law that provides federally qualified health center services

and rural health clinic services are covered benefits under the Medi-Cal program, to be reimbursed, to providers on a per-visit basis. Redefines visits to include within those health care professionals covered under that

definition, a dental hygienist and dental hygienist in alternative practice.

SB 253 **Health Care** 2 yr. bill

(Aanestad)

Relates to existing law that states the intent of the Legislature to provide basic health care and related to remedial or preventive services to individuals qualifying under the Medi-Cal program.

SB 260 Medi-Cal To Governor

(Steinberg)

Amends the Medi-Cal program. Provides that more than one encounter between a patient and the same health care professional on the same day and at a single location may each be separately reimbursed in specified circumstances. Provides that visits with different health care professionals on the same day of service may be billed as separate visits.

SB 261 (Romero) Emergency Medical Services: The Trauma Care Fund – Asm. App. Suspense Deletes from the criteria for local distribution of trauma care funds consideration of whether the acquisition is demonstrated to be essential for trauma services within a specified hospital and whether coordination or payment of prescribed care and transportation services may be provided as necessary without undue delay.

SB 320 (Alquist) **Health Care Information Infrastructure Program** To Governor Existing law terminates the Office of HIPAA Implementation on 1/1/08. This

bill extends repeal date to 1/1/13.

SB 349

Health Care Coverage

2 yr. bill

(Perata)

Declares the Legislature's intent to implement comprehensive reforms of the health care coverage system.

SB 365 **Out-of-State Carriers** 2 yr. bill

(McClintock) Allows a carrier domiciled in another state to offer, sell or renew a health care service plan or a health insurance policy in this state without holding a license issued by the Department of Managed Health Care or a certificate of authority issued by the commissioner. Exempts the carrier's plan or policy from requirements otherwise applicable to plans and insurers providing health care coverage in the state.

SB 369 (Vincent) **State Teachers: Retirement: Health Benefits** 2 yr. bill Requires the State Teachers' Retirement Board to file with the Legislature a study, conducted over one full year, of school districts that do not provide health benefits for retired teachers.

SB 389

Health Care Coverage

2 yr. bill

(Yee)

Requires the Department of Managed Health Care and the Department of Insurance to implement an independent provider dispute resolution system, in consultation with representatives of health plans or insurers, providers and consumer representatives. Prohibits a hospital-based physician from seeking payment from individual enrollees for services he or she rendered.

SB 483

Medi-Cal: Eligibility

Asm. Approp. Suspense

(Kuehl)

Provides that pursuant to specified federal law, the state elects to provide for Medi-Cal eligibility for nursing facilities or other long-term care services for individuals with an equity interest in their home of less than a certain amount.

SB 510 Medi-Cal: Managed Care (Negrete-McLeod)

MRMIP.

2 yr. bill

Relates to Medi-Cal Managed Care. Includes legislative oversight and review, to ensure that the state and federal governments meet their obligations to provide full access to adequate health care to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities and to improve the quality of health care for those persons.

SB 564 Public School Health Center Support Program Assembly Inactive (Ridley-Thomas)

Provides that a school health center also includes a school health facility that conducts routine physical, mental health, and oral health assessments, and that provides for any services not offered onsite or through a referral process.

SB 646 (Cox) Major Risk Medical Insurance Program: Waiting List 2 yr. bill Expresses the Legislature's intent to appropriate additional funds from the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund for deposit into the Major Major Risk Medical Insurance Fund (MRMIP) to eliminate a waiting list for the

SB 723 State Compensation Insurance Fund: health system 2 yr. bill (Yee) Improvement study.

Authorizes the State Compensation Insurance Fund to transact group health insurance with employers insured by the fund for worker's compensation to the same extent as any other insurer, and subject to the powers and authority of the Insurance Commissioner.

SB 820 Taxation: cafeteria plans: credits 2 yr. bill (Ashburn) Authorizes various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws.

SB 840 Single-Payer Health Care Coverage Asm. Approp. (Kuehl) Establishes the State Universal Healthcare System. Makes all state residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a

eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Creates the Universal Healthcare Policy Board to establish policy on medical issues and various other matters relating to the system.

SB 843 Medical Information 2 yr. bill

(Calderon,R.) Relates to existing law which prohibits a provider of health care, a health care service plan, contractor, or corporation and its subsidiaries and affiliates from intentionally sharing, selling, using for marketing, or otherwise using any medical information for any purpose not necessary to provide health care services to a patient, except as expressly authorized by the patient.

SB 885 Health Care Coverage: Employer Mandates 2 yr. bill (Calderon,R.) Expresses the Legislature's intent to require employers to provide health care coverage for their employees to the extent allowed by federal law.

SB 893 **Children and Families Program**

2 yr. bill

(Cox)

Relates to the California Children and Families Act of 1998. Eliminates percentages for allocation to various accounts. Provides that those funds be allocated and appropriated to the commission to provide health care services to children.

SB 972

Insurance: Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements - Assembly Desk (McClintock) Makes changes to the provision setting forth the criteria for a multiple employer welfare arrangement is required to satisfy to be eligible for a certificate of compliance.

SB 982 (Machado)

Health Insurance: False Statements 2 yr. bill Provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance, unless a specified exception applies. States that the falsity of any statement in the application for any health insurance policy does not bar the right to recovery under the policy.

SB 1014 (Kuehl)

Taxation: Single-Payer Health Care Coverage Tax 2 yr. bill Imposes an additional tax at a rate of 1% on the taxpayer's taxable income that exceeds \$200,000, but is not over \$1,000,000, a tax on self-employment income of an individual taxpayer and a tax on nonwage income of a taxpayer. Requires all revenues received by the Franchise Tax Board from those taxes be deposited in the Health Insurance Fund. Imposes a health care coverage tax on the wages of an employee to be paid by both the employee and his or her employer.

Workers' Compensation

AB 338 (Coto)

Workers' Compensation: Temporary Disability Payments - To Governor Provides that for purposes of determining temporary disability benefits for any person entitled to benefits under the workers' compensation law as a result of an injury sustained by an inmate of any county jail, industrial farm, road camp or city jail, or by an inmate assigned to a county work release program, the average weekly earnings shall be taken at the minimum amount set forth in the above provision regarding the calculation of temporary disability benefits.

AB 419 (Lieber)

Workers Compensation

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Relates to existing law which provides that whenever certain public employees who are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System or the L.A. City Retirement System or subject to the County Employees' Retirement Law are disabled, they shall become entitled to a leave of absence without loss of salary. Deletes the requirement that these employees be members of the PER System or the L.A. Retirement System or subject to the CER Law.

AB 507 (DeLaTorre)

Workers' Compensation Insurance: Database Senate BF&I Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create a publicly accessible database regarding workers' compensation insurance to enforce state workers' compensation laws.

AB 644 Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment Utilization 2 yr. bill Requires any physician who conducts an evaluation of medical treatment to (Dymally) hold an identical type of license as that of physician requesting the treatment.

AB 807 Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment 2 vr. bill (Hancock) Relates to the workers' compensation law which requires employers to secure the payment of workers' compensation, including medical treatment, for injuries incurred by their employees that arise out of, or in the course of, employment.

AB 812 Workers' Compensation: Audits (Hernandez) Amends existing law that workers' compensation insurers generally perform a

payroll verification audit to compare the actual premium to the estimated premium. Provides that if an employer fails to provide reasonable access to payroll records for a payroll verification audit, the employer shall pay a premium to the carrier or self-insurer not to exceed 3 times the most recent estimated annual premium.

To Governor

AB 1073 Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule-To Governor (Nava) Relates to workers' compensation system. Prohibits the limit on the number of chiropractic, occupational therapy, and physical therapy visits from applying to visits for postsurgical physical medicine and rehabilitative services.

AB 1212 Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability Chapter 227 Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide (Nunez) for enhanced disability benefits to compensate injured workers for lost wages incurred as a result of an injury arising out of employment.

AB 1269 To Governor **Workers' Compensation** (Hernandez) Requires that specified inpatient burn DRGs be separately reimbursed at a rate of 120% of estimate facility costs, as specified. These provisions would be operative only until the administrative director adopts an alternative reimbursement methodology for inpatient burn DRGs.

AB 1293 **Workers' Compensation: Liquidation Estate** 2 yr. bill (Benoit) Requires the liquidation estate of Fremont Indemnity Company to forward to specified school district employees a lump sum not to exceed \$8 million for the express purpose of covering those claims already paid by the school district employers, as well as those liabilities incurred and to be incurred, for any self-insured retention transferred to Fremont Indemnity Company prior to January 1, 2000.

AB 1341 Workers' Compensation: Temporary Disability 2 yr. bill (Benoit) Requires for a single injury occurring on or after January 1, 2008, increase to 4 years from the date of injury, the period of time during which an employee can receive aggregate disability payments.

AB 1565 Workers' Compensation: Medical Evaluations 2 yr. bill

(Lieber) Relates to changes to existing law which establishes a workers' compensation system to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of his or her employment.

AB 1619 Insurer licensing 2 yr. bill

(Benoit) Allows any insurer admitted to transact health insurance or workers compensation insurance, or a health care service plan licensed pursuant to the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act to make written application to the commissioner for a license to offer a single policy that provides health care services and workers compensation benefits.

(Niello)

Public Employees: Retirement: Workers' Compensation 2 yr. bill

Makes changes to existing workers compensation law requires employers to secure the payment of workers compensation, including medical treatment, for injuries incurred by their employees that arise in the course of employment. Provides that an employee who receives personal injury by accident arising in the course of employment of the state his or her dependents shall be entitled to compensation.

AB 1636 Workers' Compensation: Supplemental Job Benefits To Governor Relates to workers' compensation supplemental job displacement benefits, the provision of a voucher for education related training to an injured employee later than 74 days after termination of temporary disability. Requires the employer, if the percentage of permanent disability cannot be determined, to provide a voucher based on the reasonable estimate of the percentage of permanent disability.

AB 1699 (La Malfa) Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability 2 yr. bill
Relates to workers' compensation system disability benefits. Provides that,
for injuries occurring on or after an employee who, at the time of injury, was
employed in a seasonal position or in a position that was expected to last less
than 12 months shall not be eligible to receive increased payments.

SB 154 Workers' Compensation: Temporary Disability 2 yr. bill
(Cedillo) Provides that the 2-year limit on the payment of temporary disability under the existing workers' compensation law shall not apply to certain volunteer and paid law enforcement and firefighting employees.

SB 352 (Padilla) Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment 2 yr. bill
Relates to medical treatment utilization schedule, to be provided to an injured employee. Exempts limits on chiropractic, occupational therapy, and physical therapy visits specified employees of a sheriff's office or police or fire department, peace officers, and active firefighters.

SB 420 Corporation taxes: deduction: workers' compensation group - 2 yr. bill (Negrete McLeod) - Transfers provisions of the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) from the State Department of Health Services to the State Department of Public Health. Requires all WIC local agencies that serve large numbers and a high proportion of uninsured participants to use the gateway system only to the extent funding is available.

SB 452 Employment: family-owned farms: workers' compensation and - 2 yr. bill unemployment

Excludes from the definition of employee any person who provides services on a family-owned farm, as defined, and is employed, without financial compensation, by his or her parent, spouse, child, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or first or second cousin. Requires the Department of Industrial Relations to prescribe a form to be filled by a family-owned farm for purposes of claiming an exemption from the provisions of the workers' compensation system.

SB 557 Workers' Compensation: Audiologists (Wiggins) Declares the intent of the Legislature to en

2 yr. bill

Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would include audiologists licensed by the state that meet specified requirements among those medical professionals authorized to be appointed by the administrative director as qualified medical evaluators for purpose of evaluating medical-legal issues in workers' compensation claims.

SB 869 Workers' Compensation Insurance: Coverage Program To Governor (Ridley-Thomas) - Provides that the Uninsured Employer Database shall be funded from fraud

assessments. Requires that the rating organization designated the statistical agent by the commissioner shall provide to the Fraud Division a current list of insured employers for use in the Uninsured Employer Database.

SB 906 Workers' compensation: claims processing To Governor

(Runner)

Authorizes a provider of medical treatment, service or supplies, as defined, a person or entity claiming the right to reimbursement for services for which an employer is responsible under a workers' compensation claim to contract with an agent for claims processing, assignment of claims, processing and receiving payments, or filing required reports.

SB 936 Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability Schedule - To Governor (Perata) Revised the formula for computing those payments for injuries causing

permanent disability, which occur on or after January 1, 2008, as specified.

SB 942 Workers' Compensation To Governor

(Migden)

Provides that there is a rebuttable presumption that an employer has discriminated against an employee if, after the employee has been disabled from work as a result of injury or illness pursuant to which the employee is eligible to receive worker's compensation, the employer refuses to reinstate the employee to his or her regular position with full wages and benefits within one day after a statement by a physician that the employee is able to perform.

SB 952 Workers' Compensation 2 yr. bill

(Wyland) Relates to existing law which establishes a workers' compensation system to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of employment and prohibits petitions filed with the appeals board concerning a continuing temporary disability award from being granted while the injured worker is pursuing a rehabilitation plan.

SB 1005 Workers' Compensation: Claim Files: Disclosure

2 yr. bill

(Florez)

Requires a 3rd-party administrator responsible for administering an employer's workers' compensation claims to discuss all elements of the claim file that affect the employer's premium with the employer, and to supply copies of the documents that affect the premium at the employer's expense.

Property and Casualty

AB 5 Flood Protection: Local: Central Valley: Plans

To Governor

(Wolk)

Creates the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan to address flood protection in the central valley. Authorizes local agencies to create a local plan of flood protection meeting the requirements of the bill. Requires priority for state funds to be given to local agencies that have adopted a local plan of flood protection. Creates the Local Flood Protection Plan Assistance Fund to award grants.

AB 62 Disaster Relief

Chapter 224

(Nava)

Provides for state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from a reassessment for damages incurred within the Counties of Riverside and Ventura, which were declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency due to wildfires. Provides that any dwelling that qualified for the exemption prior to 09/04/06, that was damaged or destroyed by the wildfires, and has not changed ownership may not be denied the exemption on the basis that the dwelling was temporarily damaged.

AB 70 Flood Liability

To Governor

Subjects a city or county to joint liability, whether or not the city or county directly participates in the operation or maintenance of a flood control project, for property damage sustained in a flood by approving new development in an undeveloped area that is protected by a project levee where flood levels are anticipated to exceed 3 feet for a 200-years flood event.

AB 156 (Laird)

(Jones)

Flood Control

To Governor

Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to provide meals and other necessary support to any person engaged in emergency flood fight activities. Requires the department to prepare, and the Reclamation Board to adopt, a schedule for mapping areas at risk of flooding in the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River drainage. Authorizes the board or the department to establish a program of mitigation banking for the activities of the board or the department.

AB 162 (Wolk) Land Use: Water Supply

To Governor

Requires a city or county general plan to identify an annually review of those areas covered by the general plan that are subject to flooding as identified by floodplain mapping prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Water Resources.

AB 217 Vehicle License Fee: Biennial Payments 2 yr. bill

(Beall) Amends the Vehicle License Fee Law, which establishes, in lieu of any ad valorem property tax upon vehicles, an annual license fee for any vehicle

subject to registration in this state in the amount of .065 % of the market value of that vehicle. Requires payment of such fee on a biennial basis.

AB 218 Vehicles: Fees 2 yr. bill

(Saldana) Provides that when a smog certificate is required for renewal a special

license plate in not made until the smog certificate is received by the

Department of Motor Vehicles.

AB 248 Vehicles: Violations: Punishment 2 yr. bill

(Gaines) Clarifies in the list of traffic violations of the Vehicle Code a violation related

to a motor vehicle speed contest as a misdemeanor, that under the exception described above, the violation is punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony. Provides the same with respect to the violation related to reckless

driving that is punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony.

AB 254 2 yr. bill **Vehicles: Total Loss Salvage Vehicles**

(Gaines) Relates to existing law that defines total loss salvage vehicle for purposes of

the Vehicle Code.

AB 267 Annuity Sales: Seniors 2 yr. bill

(Calderon) Requires an insurance producer agent or insurer, when making a

recommendation to a senior consumer, for the purpose or exchange of an annuity to have reasonable grounds for believing that the recommendation is suitable for the senior based on the facts disclosed by the senior relating to his or her financial situation and needs. Requires insurers to establish a system to supervise compliance with the placement of annuities to senior

consumers.

AB 303 Manslaughter: Vehicular 2 yr. bill

(Spitzer) Increases the term of imprisonment to 7 years to life in the state prison for

gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

AB 319 Emergencies: Tsunami Hazard Mitigation To Governor

(Nava) Enacts the Tsunami Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness Act of 2007, to establish the Tsunami Steering Committee to guide tsunami hazard preparation activities in the state. Requires the Office of Emergency Services to establish a statewide tsunami hazard mitigation program to

maintain consistent planning efforts regarding preparation, communications,

response, and mitigation in the event of a tsunami.

AB 421 Dept. of Motor Vehicles: abstract of record of court – To Governor (Benoit)

Relates to existing law that requires the clerk of a court in which the person was convicted of any vehicle violation to prepare within 10 days after conviction or sentencing and immediately forward to the DMV an abstract of the record of the court covering that case. Reduces the time for forwarding

those abstracts of the court record to 5 days.

AB 425 (Adams)

Vehicles: Motorcycles: Safety Helmets: Exceptions 2 yr. bill Exempts from a requirement that a driver and any passenger are to wear a safety helmet meeting certain requirements when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle, a driver who is 18 years of age or older who has either completed a motorcycle rider training program, or has been issued a class M1 license or endorsement or a comparable license or endorsement from another jurisdiction, for 2 years or more.

AB 430 (Benoit)

Vehicles: Speed Contests and Wreckless Driving - To Governor Includes one or both of the crimes of wreckless driving or engaging in motor vehicle speed contests within the scope of various existing statutes including, among others, provisions relating to time limits for destruction of court records, and exceptions to requirements that insurance companies not raise premium rates where the insured or applicant has been convicted of a traffic violation while driving an employer's vehicle during the course of employment.

AB 468 (Ruskin)

Vehicles: Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles To Governor Authorizes a county service authority to use registration fees as well as the moneys received from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund for the abatement and removal, or the disposal of abandoned vehicles.

AB 522 Nonadmitted Insurers

Chapter 134

(Duvall)

Extends existing law that specifies various duties of nonadmitted insurers and surplus line brokers transacting business in this state. Gives applicants and policyholders the right to notice of the power to cancel the policy within 5 days under specified circumstances, and that the broker fee must be returned and that the premium must be prorated when a policy is cancelled.

AB 536 (Portantino)

Fire Protection: State Responsibility Areas 2 yr. bill

Deletes the prohibition of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to
classify all lands within the state for purpose of determining areas in which
the financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing fires is primarily
the responsibility of the state, including within state responsibility areas,
lands within the exterior boundaries of certain cities.

AB 545 (Walters)

Insurance Fraud

Authorizes the Public Employees Retirement System to obtain information from an insurer for purposes of determining the eligibility of a member, or unlawful application or receipt of benefits, under the Public Employees Retirement System. Adds the Public Employees Retirement System to the list of authorized governmental agencies to which an insurer is required to

release that information.

AB 645 (Feuer)

Traffic Violation: Adjudication

Chapter 161

Amends existing law which authorizes a court to order a person issued a notice to appear for a traffic violation to attend a traffic violator school licensed under certain provisions of the Vehicle Code, in lieu of adjudicating the traffic offense, and with the consent of the defendant, or after conviction of a traffic offense. Makes these provisions inapplicable to a person when the traffic offense is a hit run violation.

AB 670 Animals: Bites: Owner Information Chapter 136

(Spitzer) Requires a person who owns or has custody or control of an animal to immediately provide identifying information to another person when the person knows, or has reason to know, the animal bit the other person. Provides that the failure to provide such information would be an infraction.

AB 693 California Emergency Service Act 2 yr. bill

(Plescia) Changes the Emergency Service Act which sets forth the intent of the

Legislature in enacting its provisions generally.

AB 706 Fire Retardants: Toxic Effects In Senate

(Leno) Revises and extends findings relating to fire retardants, and requires all seating, bedding, and furniture products to comply with certain requirements, including the requirement that they not contain brominated fire retardants or

chlorinated fire retardants.

AB 758 Vehicles: Traffic Violator Schools To Governor

(Plescia) Amends existing law that defines the term traffic violator school for purposes of the Vehicle Code, to mean a business that provides instruction in traffic safety. Recasts that definition to provide that the traffic violator school is

licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles and that the method of instruction may be classroom-based or by home study, including but not

limited to, correspondence, handbook, video, or Internet.

AB 796 Insurance Chapter 138

(Asm. Ins) Adds another level of Total Adjusted Capital which, with respect to certain insurers, would be indicated in the insurer's Risk Based Capital report.

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AB 797 Insurance: Agents To Governor

(Asm. Ins) Adds a limited lines automobile insurance agent, as specified, to the existing

types of agent licensees. Provides that an organization may hold a license to act as a limited lines automobile insurance agent. Requires candidates for the limited lines automobile insurance agent license to undergo a minimum of 20 hours of prelicensing study as a prerequisite for qualification

for the license.

AB 808 Vehicles: Licensure Application or Renewal To Governor

(Parra) Requires as a condition of obtaining or renewing a driver's license, the applicant sign a declaration regarding driving under the influence, and

potential charges that could result from killing a person as a result of driving

under the influence.

AB 859 Civil Procedure: Service of Process 2 yr. bill

(Plescia) Requires certain documents to be filed with a levying officer under a writ of attachment or execution within 5 court days of the levy and would instead

allow for the filing of the above-described statement by service of process.

AB 881 Vehicles: Child Passengers: Restraint Systems To Governor

(Mullin) Requires that child who is under 8 years of age to be secured in a rear seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system. Provides an exception from the child passenger restraint system requirement for a child who is under 8 years of age, but who is 4 feet 9 inches tall or taller and who is

properly restrained by a safety belt.

AB 893 Vehicles: Speeding 2 yr. bill

(Walters) Makes it an infraction to drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed of 100 miles per hour or more, and requires a minimum fine of \$300 to be imposed upon any conviction of that offense. Requires, upon a first conviction, the

days.

AB 913 Vehicles: Motor Carriers: Permits Chapter 58

(Niello) Amends existing law which requires a motor carrier to pay a fee for the

reissuance of a motor carrier's permit following its suspension or revocation. Waives the fee requirement, if the suspension or revocation was based on a lapse in liability insurance or workers' compensation insurance, and the evidence of valid insurance coverage demonstrates that a lapse in coverage

court to suspend the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for 30

for the carrier's operation did not occur.

AB 924 Crimes: Vehicles Chapter 111

(Emmerson) Adds offenses involving vehicle theft to that list of specified crimes.

AB 930 Flood Management To Governor

(Jones) Expresses legislative intent that the Governor establish a flood plain manage-

ment task force to examine matters to state and local flood plain management.

AB 948 Employment: Compensation 2 yr. bill

(Niello) Requires the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement of the Department of

Industrial Relations to conduct a study on the applicability of overtime exemptions

to highly-compensated employees under state law.

AB 966 Driver's License Renewal: Senior Citizens To Governor

(Krekorian) Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to include with a notice or renewal

of a driver's license that is mailed to a person who is 62 years of age or older,

may be issued, free of charge, an identification card bearing the notation Senior Citizen.

AB 998 Theft: motor vehicle: penalties 2 yr. bill

(Garrick) Punishes grand theft of an automobile as a felony only. Adds a felony conviction of

motor vehicle theft when the person has a prior felony conviction for motor vehicle

theft to the list of specified serious felonies.

AB 1006 Pawnbrokers and Dealers

2 yr. bill

(Maze)

Prohibits pawnbrokers, secondhand dealers and coin dealers from charging the original claimant for returning the stolen item if the original claimant filed a report with law enforcement within a specified time period. Requires a law enforcement agency to return property to a dealer if the agency is unable to establish ownership within a certain time after the property is no longer required for a criminal investigation.

AB 1008

Insurance: Vehicle service contracts

To Governor

(Calderon,C)

Relates to insurance policy insuring certain types of property or if that policy is a renewal or a notice of cancellation is effective unless it is based on the occurrence of one or more of listed factors, including nonpayment of premium.

AB 1051

Insurance: Nonadmitted Insurers

Senate BF&I

(Carter)

Relates to the provision that certain types of liability insurance may not be placed with nonadmitted insurers. Provides that this prohibition does not apply to insurance issued to a governmental agency for the purpose of financing environmental remedial work authorized by a court order.

AB 1099

Vehicles: Traffic Violator Schools

2 yr. bill

(Portantino)

Specifies that the criteria required to be met before the DMV can issue a license, and revised the criteria to provide that only a classroom-based program is required to have the specified equipment and a classroom approved by the department.

AB 1139 (Emmerson)

Department of Motor Vehicles: Display System: Advertising – To Governor Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to enter into a contract with a private vendor for the purpose of acquiring message display systems that may be used on the department's mailings, Internet Web site, or other property. Provides the contract vendor would be allowed to utilize a portion of the available time and space for advertising. Creates a Motor Vehicle Advertising Account. Provides that advertising on such system would be limited.

AB 1165

Driving under the influence: repeat offense

To Governor

(Maze)

Makes it unlawful for a person who is on probation for a violation of driving under-the-influence offences within a certain number of years to operate a motor vehicle at any time with a blood-alcohol concentration above a certain level as measured by a preliminary alcohol screening test or other chemical.

AB 1215

Vehicles: DUI

2 yr. bill

(Benoit)

Prohibits a person who has a specified amount of a controlled substance in his or her blood from driving a vehicle, thereby creating a new crime.

AB 1321

Vehicles: Fees

2 yr. bill

(Duvall)

Relates to changes to existing law which requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to charge fees, adjusted every January 1, for certain specified services.

AB 1385 Vehicles: DUI Penalties

Senate Public Safety

(Garrick) Provides that a person operating a motorized scooter while under the

influence of an alcoholic beverage or a drug, upon conviction, is guilty of a

misdemeanor.

AB 1401

Insurance Fraud: Assessments

To Governor

(Aghazarian) Provides that each insurer doing business in this state pay an annual

assessment to be determined by the commissioner, in order to fund the Fraud Division and Organized Automobile Fraud Interdiction Program.

Calculates assessments in a specified way.

AB 1424 Elder Abuse

Senate Public Safety

(Davis) Adds to orders relative to criminal proceedings involving elder abuse.

AB 1433 DI

DMV: Identification

2 yr. bill

(Huff)

Relates to documents to be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles by electronic transmission. Includes specific identity source documents to be retained for a minimum of 10 years. Revises the format of driver's licenses and identification cards require.

AB 1452 Central Valle

Central Valley Flood Protection

Senate Appropriations

(Wolk)

Enacts the Central Valley Flood Protection Act of 2008. Prohibits the Reclamation Board from approving, and the Department of Water Resources from providing, funding for any flood protection project that narrows flood channels or reduces the capacity of the flood protection system in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley to convey water.

AB 1464

Vehicles

To Governor

(Benoit)

Permits the court when an owner or other person given a notice to appear does not appear in court, or pay the applicable fine and penalties if an appearance is not required, to notify the owner or other person by mail that registration may be precluded by that failure and file a notice of noncompliance with the Department of Motor Vehicles in order to preclude registration of the vehicle involved in the offense.

AB 1483

Automotive Repair: Crash Parts

To Governor

(Carter)

Requires an automotive repair dealer, when doing auto body or collision repairs, to provide a specified signed affirmation to the customer upon completion of the repairs indicating that the crash parts identified on the written estimate provided to the customer, or pursuant to an approved change to the estimate, were installed on the customer's motor vehicle.

AB 1487

Vehicles: DUI

Senate Public Safety

(Berryhill)

Reduces the level of blood alcohol concentration required for the referral to participate in a licensed DUI program, where the person is otherwise eligible, to less than 0.15% by weight, for the program of at least 9 months.

AB 1507 Floodplain Manaement: Alluvial Fan Task Force 2 yr. bill

(Emmerson) Requires the Director of Water Resources to establish the Alluvial Fan Task

Force to review the state of knowledge regarding alluvial fan floodplains and

to prepare recommendations relating to floodplain management.

AB 1524 Vehicles: Motorcycles: Helmets 2 yr. bill

(Villines) Relates to existing law which requires a driver and a passenger to wear a

safety helmet meeting certain requirements when riding on a motorcycle,

motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle.

AB 1575 Vehicle Liens Chapter 121

(Richardson) Relates to vehicle lien compensation for repairs and other costs. Increases

those amounts.

AB 1653 Insurance Commissioner: Election 2 yr. bill

(Horton) Specifies that the office of the Insurance Commissioner shall be nonpartisan.

AB 1661 Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards 2 yr. bill

(Cook) Makes findings and declarations concerning compliance with the Military

Selective Service Act. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to forward the personal information of male applicants for an original driver's license or identification card under 26 years of age to the Selective Service System in an electronic format if the applicant indicates his agreement to be registered

with the system.

AB 1671 Automobile Assigned Risk Plan 2 yr. bill

(Ruskin) Relates to the Automobile Assigned Risk Plan that states there is a low-cost

automobile insurance program for all counties in the state and provides that a low-cost policy under the program shall be made available to persons who satisfy eligibility requirements and that the insurance shall be nonrenewed only for specified reasons, including the insurer is no longer eligible. Includes in those

provisions prohibiting nonrenewal, a reference to those eligibility requirements.

AB 1746 Personal and Corporate Income Taxes: Deductions 2 yr. bill

(Asm. Rev & Disallows a deduction for expenses attributable to income derived by a taxpayer from any criminal activity punishable under the Penal Code, specified illegal

activities relating to drug trafficking, and insurance fraud.

SB 5 Flood Management To Governor

(Machado) Makes legislative findings and declarations regarding the necessity of developing a comprehensive integrated flood policy and flood management program that addresses all aspect of flood management, clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the state, local flood management agencies, cities

and countries, developers, and property owners as part of an integrated flood policy, and integrating the flood-related funding authorized by specified

bond act with the integrated flood policy and flood management.

SB 6 Flood Control

2 yr. bill

(Oropeza) Requires the land use, open-space, safety and conservation elements of a general plan to include provisions relating to areas that are subject to

flooding based on existing climate predictions regarding ocean levels.

SB 7 Smoking in Vehicles with Minor Passengers To Governor

(Oropeza) Makes it an infraction punishable by a fine to smoke in a motor vehicle in which there is a minor. Requires a public education program regarding the

dangers of secondhand smoke in confined places.

SB 28 Dept. of Motor Vehicles: Personal Assembly Inactive File

(Simitian) Prohibits the DMV from issuing, renewing, duplicating or replacing a driver's

license or identification card, if the license or card uses radio waves to either transmit personal information remotely or to enable personal information to

be read from the license or card remotely.

SB 33 Vehicles: Wireless Telephones and Mobile Service - Chapter 214

(Simitian) Prohibits a person possessing a valid instruction permit, student license, or

provisional license, from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone or a mobile service device, including a handset equipped with a

hands-free device.

SB 60 DMV: Federal ID Assembly Floor

(Cedillo) Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to report to the Legislature on or

before May 1, 2008, on certain issues concerning the implementation of that

federal act.

SB 64 Identification Cards 2 yr. bill

(Cedillo) Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to provisions of existing law that

state if an identification card issued pursuant to the Vehicle Code is lost, destroyed, mutilated, or a new true full name is acquired, existing law requires the person to whom the card was issued to apply for an original

identification card.

SB 111 Property Tax: Seismic Retrofitting: Tax Assessments – Asm. Appropriations

(Ashburn) Relates to valorem taxes on real property. Specifies that those that qualified for that 15-year exclusion relating to structures constructed of unreinforced masonry also qualify for the general exclusion for seismic retrofitting

components.

SB 114 Disaster Relief Chapter 223

(Florez) Provides state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from a reassessment for damages incurred within specified

Counties that were declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency due to severe freezing conditions that commenced January 11, 2007.

SB 124 Evasion of Tolls: Registered Owner

Chapter 150

(Ducheny)

Defines registered owner, for purposes of liability for a toll evasion violation, to include a person registered as the owner of the vehicle by the appropriate agency or authority of another state, the District of Columbia or a territory or possession of the United States.

SB 138 Construction Contracts: Indemnity

Chapter 32

(Calderon)

Provides that all agreements affecting any residential construction contract that purport to indemnify the general contractor not affiliated with the builder by a subcontractor against liability for claims of construction defects or negligence are unenforceable.

SB 167 General Plans: Planning Grants and Incentives

2 yr. bill

(Negrete-McLeod) Requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to award grants and loans to cities and counties to prepare and adopt general plans, including the costs of complying with the California Environmental Quality Act. Appropriates funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

SB 177 Driver's License: DUI: Ignition Interlock

2 yr. bill

(Migden)

Requires the court to require that a person convicted of a DUI offense to install a certified ignition interlock device on each vehicle that the person owns or operates and to prohibit that person from operating a motor vehicle unless that vehicle is so equipped. Specifies that for the purpose of the removal and seizure of a motor vehicle, an immediate arrest includes the issuance of a notice to appear.

SB 195 (Calderon)

Construction projects: wrap-up insurance: disclosures 2 yr. bill
Requires the owner, developer, or general contractor of a construction project
who proposes or obtains a wrap-up insurance policy to provide to each
subcontractor who is covered, or whose coverage is contemplated, under the
wrap-up insurance policy, before the subcontractor commences work on the
project, specified disclosures and documents regarding that policy.

SB 211 Seismic safety: application filing fees (Cox) Relates to the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital F

To Governor

Relates to the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 that authorizes postponement of the application filing fee's payment if specified requirements are met, including a requirement that the proposed construction or alteration has been proposed as a result of a seismic event that has been declared to be a disaster by the Governor. Revises this requirement to instead require the proposed construction or alteration to be proposed as a result of any event that has been declared.

SB 229 (Margett)

Vehicles: large or heavy loads

2 yr. bill

Requires a local authority to use certain specified criteria in determining whether extra insurance or other financial security is required by an unusually large or heavy load that poses a substantial risk to public facilities.

SB 241 Minors: Legal Representation: Probate Proceedings To Governor (Kuehl) Permits a court, on its own motion, to appoint private counsel to represent the

Permits a court, on its own motion, to appoint private counsel to represent the interests of the minor at any stage of a proceeding under the Probate Code, if it determines that it would be in the best interests of the minor. Provides that the compensation and reasonable expenses of the counsel shall be determined by the court and paid as the court orders.

SB 276 Folsom Dam Modification Project To Governor

(Steinberg) Adopts and authorizes, at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated by the Legislature for state participation, the project to modify Folsom Dam adopted and authorized by Congress is an unspecifies provision of federal law, and as modified by an unspecified addendum to that

prescribed report prepared by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

SB 285 Provisional Licensing Program 2 yr. bill

(Runner, G.) Allows a person with an instructional permit to operate a motor vehicle when accompanied and supervised by a California licensed driver who, among other things is 25 years of age or over. Allows a law enforcement officer to stop a vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether the licenseholder is violating a professional license driving restrictions.

SB 296 Office of Emergency Services: disaster preparedness Chapter 197 (Dutton) Renames the Disaster Resistant Communities Account the Disaster

Renames the Disaster Resistant Communities Account the Disaster Resistant Communities Fund in the State Treasury. Deletes the requirement that any new activity be contingent upon the receipt of donations to the account.

SB 316 Insurance: Insurer Reserves To Governor

(Yee) Existing law requires insurers to maintain certain minimum reserves for outstanding losses and loss expenses for various coverages included in the lines of business described in the annual statement. This measure would delete workers' compensation insurance from this requirement.

SB 318 Driver's license 2 yr. bill

(**Denham**) Relates to existing law that describes the contents of a driver's license issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

SB 378 Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Act Assembly WP&W

(Steinberg) Requires expenditures for disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects to be deemed to be in response to an emergency, for purposes of the Public Contract Code, and requires all contracts for those projects to provide for the payment of extra compensation to the contractor, as a bonus for completion prior to the completion date specified by the contract.

SB 402 Firefighters 2 yr. bill

(Aanestad) States the intent of the Legislature to ensure that the necessary access to fire protection services is available to every resident including those residing in rural areas, and to ensure that every firefighter in this state provides fire protection services in a safe and effective manner.

SB 422 Vehicles: commercial vehicle

2 yr. bill

(Ashburn) Exempts from the definition of commercial vehicle a pickup truck that is not

used for the transportation of property for hire, compensation, or profit. Provides that the exemption would not apply to foreign commercial vehicles.

SB 424 Disaster Preparedness: Flood Protection Projects

2 yr. bill

(Denham) Requires the Department of Water to allocate funds to Stanislaus County for

the Orestimba Creek Flood Control Project and to Merced County for the Merced Streams Project at Black Rascal Creek under the Disaster

Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act.

SB 430 California Insurance Guarantee Association

To Governor

(Machado) Relates to the California Insurance Guarantee Association's insurer

insolvency coverage. Specifies that unearned premium is to be calculated by

the liquidator.

SB 492 Vehicles: Abandonment: Fines

2 yr. bill

(Maldonado) Increases to \$1,000 the minimum fine for a person convicted of abandoning a

vehicle.

SB 498 Vehicles: Total Loss Salvage Vehicles

2 yr. bill

(Oropeza) Prohibits a person who determines that a vehicle due to salt water damage is

a total loss salvage vehicle from selling, consigning or other wise transferring that vehicle to a salvage pool in the state. Prohibits a salvage poll from

knowingly buying, selling, consigning, or transferring that vehicle.

SB 613 Local Governments: Vehicle Fees

To Governor

(Simitian) Provides that the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo

County may reauthorize a fee of up to \$4 for a period of 10 years until

January 1, 2019.

SB 629 Automobile Insurance Peace Officers

Chapter 211

(Correa) Repeals existing law which requires any peace officer or firefighter who has

been involved in an accident to submit to his or her private automobile insurer a written declaration stating whether or not at the time of the accident he or she was operating an emergency vehicle in the performance of his or her

duty during the hours of his or her employment.

SB 641 Vehicle Rental Agreements: San Jose Airport

Chapter 44

(Corbett) Relates to rental car company fees. Deletes provisions applicable to the San

Jose International Airport. Authorizes the imposition of a customer facility

charge under the general provisions described in current law.

SB 650 Vehicles: Maximum Length: Exceptions

To Governor

(Padilla) Additionally allows an articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not

exceed a length of 65 feet and is operated on a dedicated right-of-way, as defined, or is operated on a street or highway, under specified conditions, and the route is approved by a route review committee, as established by the

bill.

SB 671 Insurance Fraud

2 yr. bill

(Runner, G) Relates to existing law which makes it unlawful for a person to make or cause to be made a knowingly false material statement in relation to insurance claims.

SB 711 Insurance: Rate Filings

2 yr. bill

(Runner, G) Provides that the adequacy or inadequacy of each insurers' rates shall be determined by its own experience, as specified, and not by the experience of its affiliates.

SB 732 Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006

Assembly Inactive File

Requires the various departments that are to implement the provisions of the initiative, among other things, to develop and adopt guidelines and regulations, consult with other entities, conduct studies, and follow certain procedures for establishing a project, or grant or loan program implementing the initiative.

SB 753 Affordable Housing Fund: Mobilehome Park Purchase - To Governor (Correa) Fund

Transfers an unspecified sum from the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund to the Mobilehome Park Purchase Fund to provide loans to qualified nonprofit housing sponsors, resident organizations, or low-income residents for the purpose of preserving affordable housing in mobilehome parks.

SB 838 Fire Prevention and Protection

2 yr. bill

(Cogdill)

(Steinberg)

Authorizes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to award grants to the California Fire Safe Council to implement community-based wildfire threat reduction and prevention programs.

SB 875 Insurance Premiums: Installment Fees 2 year bill

(Ridley-Thomas) Authorizes automobile or residential property insurers to offer policyholders the option of making installment payments of the premium. The bill would authorize insurers to charge a reasonable fee for administering the installment plan option. Expressly provides that an installment fee is not a "premium."

SB 889 Vehicle

Asm. Appropriations Suspense

(Maldonado) Requires the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish the Carpool Education Program containing specified components for educating the public on the use of highway lanes and highway ramps for high-occupancy vehicles and for reporting alleged violations of that existing law and for the Department of Transportation to issue notices and educational brochures to alleged violators. SB 975 Insurance: Broker-Agents

2 yr. bill

(Calderon,R) Provides that insurers may provide specified sales and related materials to

broker-agents, and that neither an insurer nor a broker-agent need accept or submit business to each other. Provides that insurers and broker-agents may enter into written contracts that specify a commission, rate of commission or other compensation, and that this does not prohibit such agents from receiving other forms of compensation that are not prohibited by law.

SB 1023 Vehicles: Unsafe Operation

2 yr. bill

(Harman) Makes changes to existing law whereby it is unlawful to operate a vehicle or

combination of vehicles that is in an unsafe condition or that is not safely loaded, and that presents an immediate safety hazard or to operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles that is not equipped as provided in the Vehicle

Code.

SB 1038 Insurance

Chapter 100

(Sen. Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee)

Provides that any district attorney who fails to submit an application for fraud prosecution funds to the commissioner (Department of Insurance) within 90 days of the deadline for submission of application shall be subject to loss of distribution of the moneys. Specifies that "unearned premium" is to be calculated by the liquidator, and make other technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Election/Reapportionment/Political Reform

AB 404 Political Reform Act of 1974: Disclosure To Governor

(Ruskin) Requires that advertisements published, displayed, or broadcast for or

against a candidate, that are paid for by independent expenditures, expressly state that they are not being made on behalf of a candidate or

candidate-controlled committee.

AB 583 Political Reform Act: Clean Money and Fair Elections - Senate ER&CA

(Hancock) Enacts the Clean Money and Fair Elections Act. Authorizes eligible

candidate to obtain public funds according to specified procedures and requirements, provided that certain thresholds are attained. Imposes primary responsibility for the administration of the provisions of the bill on the Fair

Political Practices Commission. Creates the Clean Money Fund.

AB 1653 Insurance Commissioner: Election 2 yr. bill

(Horton, S.) Specifies that the office of the Insurance Commissioner shall be

nonpartisan.

SB 298 Political Reform Act: contributions To Governor

(Cogdill) Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974. Increases the amount of

contributions in a calendar year. Increases the amount of contributions form

any person.

SB 536 (Simitian)

Political Reform Act: Insurance Commissioner Campaigns – 2 yr. bill Relates to the Political Reform Act of 1974. Exempts campaigns for the office of Insurance Commissioner from prohibitions against expending or accepting money. Enacts the Insurance Commissioner Election Accountability Act of 2007. Authorizes eligible Insurance Commissioner candidates to obtain public financing from a fund made up of fees collected from insurers, reimbursements, and interest.

Privacy

AB 372

Personal Information: Civil Penalties

2 yr. bill

(Salas)

Relates to destruction of a customer's records, security procedures, and protection of information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure. Requires disclosure of breach of that data. Relates to disclosure of personal information to 3rd parties. Imposes a civil penalty.

AB 703

Social security numbers

2 yr. bill

(Ruskin)

Prohibits a person or entity from using a social security number as an identifier, except as required by federal or state law. Requires that records containing social security numbers be discarded or destroyed in a specified manner. Requires the encryption or locked storage of records containing social security numbers.

AB 779

Personal Information

To Governor

(Jones)

Relates to existing law which requires any person or business that conducts business in the state and that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information, to disclose any breech of that data.

AB 1298

Personal Information: Disclosure

To Governor

(Jones)

Prohibits any corporation organized for the purpose of maintaining medical information for treatment or diagnosis from disclosing such information. Relates to a security freeze. Relates to any breach of security in such system.

AB 1392

Online Privacy

2 yr. bill

(Saldana)

Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would enhance online privacy.

AB 1504 (Anderson)

Credit reporting: identity theft: children

2 yr. bill

Provides that a child may come within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and become a dependent child of the court if the child has been a victim of identity theft, as defined, perpetrated by the parent or guardian or a member

of his or her household.

SB 30 (Simitian)

Identity Information Protection Act of 2007 Assembly Inactive File

Enacts the Identity Information Protection Act of 2007. Requires identification documents that are created, mandated, purchased, or issued by various public entities that use radio waves to transmit data, or enable data to be read remotely, to meet specified requirements. Provides that a person or entity that knowingly discloses, or causes to be disclosed, operational system keys shall be published by imprisonment in a county jail, a fine, or both.

SB 31 (Simitian)

Identification Documents

2 yr. bill

Relates to the Information Practices Act of 1977. Provides that a person or entity that intentionally remotely reads or attempts to remotely read a person's identification document, as defined, using radio waves without his or her knowledge and prior consent, as described, shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail, a fine, or both.

SB 328 (Corbett)

Personal Information: Prohibited Practices Assembly B&F/Jud.

Relates to existing law which requires a business to ensure the privacy of a customer's personal information. Includes a telephone calling pattern record or list in the definition of "personal information." Prohibits any person from obtaining or causing the disclosure of personal information about a customer or employee contained in the records of a business through specified methods, such as by making false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements.

SB 364 (Simitian)

Personal Information: Privacy

2 yr. bill

Amends existing law that requires any agency that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information to disclose in specified ways, any breach of the security of the data to any resident whose unencryted personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.

SB 751 (Cogdill)

Identity theft

2 yr. bill

Amends existing law which provides that the jurisdiction of a criminal action for unauthorized use of another's personal identifying information is the county where the theft occurred or where the information was illegally used. Expands that provision to specify that the jurisdiction of a criminal action also includes the county where the victim resides.

Other

AB 267

Annuity Sales: Seniors

2 yr. bill

(Calderon,C.) Requires an insurance producer agent or insurer, when making a recommendation to a senior consumer, for the purpose or exchange of an annuity to have reasonable grounds for believing that the recommendation is suitable for the senior based on the facts disclosed by the senior relating to his or her financial situation and needs. Requires insurers to establish a system to supervise compliance with the placement of annuities to senior consumers.

AB 500 (Lieu)

Civil Actions: Telephonic appearances

To Governor

Permits a party to appear by telephone in any conference or hearing at which witnesses are not expected to be called to testify. Requires the party choosing to appear by telephone to provide notice. Permits a court to provide teleconferencing appearances by entering into a contract with a private vendor.

AB 512 (Lieber)

Contracts

Senate Rules

Requires a person in a trade or business who negotiates specified contracts or agreements primarily in any language other than English to deliver to the other party prior to execution of the contractor agreement, a translation of the contract or agreement in the applicable foreign language. Provides that these provisions also apply to the state Residential Mortgage Lending Act.

AB 737 (Keene)

Small Claims Court Jurisdiction

2 yr. bill

This bill would require the Judicial Council to study the effect of the existing small claims jurisdictional limits on litigants and would-be litigants in California and to report all of its findings to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2009. Requires study to include specified considerations, including considerations relating to equal access to justice, claims brought by, and jurisdictional limits applicable to, entities other than natural persons, and the dollar limit restricting the filing of more than 2 small claims actions in a year.

SB 376 (Migden)

Unfair competition: actions by city attorneys Chapter 17

Revises the authorization with regard to a city attorney of a city and county to allow an unfair competition action to be brought and to allow recovery of a civil penalty by a city attorney for any city and county.

SB 423 (Harman)

Exemplary Damages

2 yr. bill

Amends existing law which authorizes a plaintiff to recover exemplary damages in an action for the breach of an obligation not arising from contract if it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has been guilty of oppression, fraud, or malice. Limits the amount of exemplary damages that are available pursuant to the provision described above to 3 times the amount of compensatory damages.

SB 573 (Scott)

Annuity Sales: Seniors

Assembly Rules

Requires the life insurance agent or insurer, when making a recommendation to a senior consumer for the purchase or exchange of an annuity to have reasonable grounds for believing that the recommendation is suitable for the senior based on the facts disclosed by the senior relating to his or her financial situation and needs. Provides that before the purchase or exchange of an annuity that the life agent shall make reasonable efforts to obtain information.

SB 611 (Steinberg)

Financial Abuse of Elder and Dependent Adults Chapter 45

Amends the Attachment Law such that a plaintiff is authorized to use the remedy of attachment against a defendant's property to secure an amount of the claimed indebtedness to the plaintiff in connection with cases involving financial abuse against an elder or dependent adult, whether or not other forms of relief are demanded.